

**United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Tennessee**  
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**David S. Kennedy**  
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1944  
 Education: U Memphis 1970 JD  
 Began Service: November 24, 1980  
 Term Expires: 2014

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law; Faculty, Federal Judicial Center

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Robert M. McRae, United States District Court (1970-1971)

**Government:** Clerk of Court, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Tennessee (1974-1976); Trustee, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Tennessee

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1972-1973); Private Practice (1976-1980)

**Current Memberships:** Memphis Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Shelby County Bar Association; Tennessee Bar Association

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**G. Harvey Boswell**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
 Education: Memphis State 1978 JD  
 Began Service: November 16, 1993  
 Term Expires: November 15, 2021

**Legal Practice:** Sole Practitioner (1980-1982); Partner, Kizer, Bonds, Boswell & Crocker (1982-1993)

**Current Memberships:** American Bankruptcy Institute; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Tennessee Bar Association; Tennessee Bar Foundation

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Abigail Little** ..... (731) 421-9370  
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**Jennie D. Latta**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: January 9, 1961  
 Education: Memphis State 1981 BA, 1986 JD  
 Began Service: March 6, 1997  
 Term Expires: March 6, 2011

**Staff**

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**Paulette J. Delk**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: July 2006  
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush  
 Term Expires: July 2020

**Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge George W. Emerson, Jr.**

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**George W. Emerson, Jr.**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: July 2006  
 Term Expires: July 2020

**Clerkships:** Clerk, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Tennessee (1983-1985)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Stevenson and Emerson

**Current Memberships:** Memphis Bar Association; Tennessee Bar Association

**United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas**

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**Number of Judgeships:** 17

**Areas Covered:** Counties of Anderson, Angelina, Bowie, Camp, Cass, Cherokee, Collin, Cooke, Delta, Denton, Fannin, Franklin, Grayson, Gregg, Hardin, Harrison, Henderson, Hopkins, Houston, Jasper, Jefferson, Lamar, Liberty, Marion, Morris, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Panola, Polk, Rains, Red River, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby, Smith, Titus, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Van Zandt and Wood

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**Thad Heartfield**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1940  
 Education: St Mary's U 1965 JD  
 Began Service: May 1, 1995  
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Government:** Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, County of Jefferson, Texas (1965-1966); City Attorney, City of Beaumont, Texas (1969-1973)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Weller, Wheelus & Green (1966-1969); Partner, O'Brian, Richards & Heartfield (1973-1977); Partner, Crutchfield, DeCordova, Brocato & Heartfield (1977-1981); Private Practice (1981-1995)

**Current Memberships:** Jefferson County Bar Association; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation, State Bar of Texas

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Law Clerk **Matt Matthews** ..... (409) 654-2860  
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 Began Service: September 2008  
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**Richard A. Schell**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1950  
 Education: Southern Methodist 1972 BA, 1975 JD  
 Began Service: August 15, 1988  
 Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Academic:** Instructor, Southern Methodist University (1975-1976)

**Government:** Coordinator, Texas District Court, 199th Judicial District, State of Texas (1975-1976); Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, State of Texas

**Chambers of District Judge Richard A. Schell** *continued*

**Judicial:** Judge, County Court at Law (1982-1986); Judge, Texas District Court, 219th Judicial District (1986-1988)

**Legal Practice:** Boyd, Veigel & Gay (1977-1981)

**Current Memberships:** State Bar of Texas

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**David Folsom**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
 Education: Arkansas 1969 BA, 1974 JD  
 Began Service: April 14, 1995  
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
 Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Young & Patton (1974-1976); Partner, Young, Patton & Folsom (1976-1990); Sole Practitioner (1990-1995)

**Current Memberships:** American Association for Justice; Arkansas Bar Association; Arkansas Trial Lawyers Association; Northeast Texas Bar Association; Southwest Arkansas Bar Association; State Bar of Texas; Texarkana Bar Association; Texas Trial Lawyers Association

**Staff**

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**Thomas John Ward**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1943  
 Education: Texas Tech 1964 BA;  
 Baylor 1967 LLB  
 Began Service: July 13, 1999  
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Government:** Legislative Draftsman, Texas Legislative Council, Legislative Agencies, Texas Legislature (1967-1968); Assistant County Attorney, City of Lubbock, Texas (1968)

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